MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 20th April 1965

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA, B.A., B.L.) in the Chair.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I must apologise to the House for having arrived 7 minutes late, not that it was deliberately done. Partly I was discussing matters relating to the House. Beyond that I do not have anything to say. I am sure the House will parden me.

Question Nos. 251, 346, 372 and 392 may be taken together.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Food Shortage in the State.

*Q.—251. **Sri M. C. BASAPPA** (Chamarajanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the food shortage in the State and the difficulties that the people had to face thereby ;

(*b*) whether they have assessed the quantum of shortage regarding (i) rice, (ii) Millets ;

(*c*) what are precautionary steps taken by them to avoid such contingency in the coming year ;

(*d*) whether any rules are framed to procure paddy at controlled prices ;

(*e*) whether the procurement work done through Co-operative Agency or by Government direct ;

(*f*) whether Government have made arrngements to build up stocks to meet the shortage likely to be in lean months of the year ;

(*g*) what would be the financial implication for building up the buffer stocks required to meet the shortage ?

*A.—**Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA** (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(SRI M. V. KRISHNAPPA)

(*c*) Steps have been taken to build up buffer stocks of rice and jowar and impose restrictions on the movement of Foodgrains out side the State in order to conserve the available foodgrains so as to meet the demands during the lean periods of the year.

It is also proposed to introduce informal rationing by stages in the industrial Cities and Towns and in important places to meet the demands of the vulnerable section of the population.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) By Both.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) About Rs. 30 Crores.

Shortage of Foodgrains in the State.

*Q—346- Sri K. P. REVANNASIDDAPPA (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the reasons for the shortage of foodgrains in the State;
(*b*) the steps taken by them to meet this shortage ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) (i) Failure of rains in certain parts of the State and consequent fall in agricultural production.

(ii) Restrictions placed on the movement of rice from Andhra Pradesh to Mysore and other foodgrains from State to State.

(iii) Increase in population.

(*b*) (i) The State Government are building up buffer stocks of rice and jowar.

(ii) They have decided to introduce informal rationing by stages in Urban pockets and in areas in which there is concentrated labour population.

(iii) They have issued several regulatory and control orders in respect of foodgrains.

(iv) Provision has been made in the Third Five-Year Plan for increased agricultural production, particularly of foodgrains in order to achieve self-sufficiency in food.

(v) Two Centrally sponsored Schemes-one for Organisation of Consumers Co-operative Societies in Urban areas with a population of 50,000 and above and another for distri-